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Sir:

In esponse to the Office Action dated February 11, 2004, Applicants hereby elects Group II (Claims 7-12), drawn to a system for imposing regional restrictions in a supply chain management framework for prosecution in the subject application in order to advance the prosecution of this application.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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